

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN  
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

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<b>Title of Invention</b>	Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in Opened Containers				
<p>As the below named inventor, I declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to the invention titled: " Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in Opened Containers"</p> <p>I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>All statements made herein of my knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.</p>					
<p><b>FULL NAME OF INVENTOR:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Inventor: Paul R. Hickert</td><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Inventor</td></tr><tr><td style="padding: 5px;">Signature : /paul r hickert/</td><td style="padding: 5px;">Citizen of : US</td></tr></table>		Inventor: Paul R. Hickert	Inventor	Signature : /paul r hickert/	Citizen of : US
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for an original application.

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**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in Opened Containers

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**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification is attached hereto.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**SIGNATURE**

**Inventor's signature**

  
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**ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION  
OR C-I-P APPLICATION**

*(complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation or C-I-P application)*

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information

☒ that is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

*(also check the following item, if desired)*

☒ and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent,

that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. (37 CFR 1.63(e)).

*(also check the following item, if desired)*

☐ In compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS  
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC § 120:**

U.S. APPLICATIONS		Status ( <i>check one</i> )		
U.S. APPLICATIONS	U.S. FILING DATE	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
1. 60/320,020	03/19/2003		<b>X</b>	
2. /				
3. /				
PCT APPLICATION DESIGNATING THE U.S.				
PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE	U.S. APPLICATION NOS. ASSIGNED ( <i>If any</i> )		
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